

EDITORIALS

That Long, Long Ballot

When Torrance voters go to the polls on Nov. 6, they will face one of the longest ballots of recent years with presidential, congressional, state offices, judgeships, and other local offices fighting for ballot space along with 19 state propositions and four county-wide propositions.

In addition, those Torrance area residents who live in the Shoestring Strip will find seven more ballot proposals they are expected to vote on Nov. 6—making a total of 23 proposals for all county residents and 30 for those also living in Los Angeles city.

To help HERALD readers identify the proposals during the coming days before the election, brief titles of all the ballot measures are published today without comment.

STATE PROPOSITIONS

1. \$500,000,000 state bonds for veterans' loans.
2. \$100,000,000 state bonds for school district construction.
3. \$200,000,000 state bonds for state construction.
4. Oil and gas conservation initiative.
5. Repeal food requirements in on-sale liquor establishments.
6. Exempt church parking areas from local property taxes.
7. Change name of State Assembly to House of Representatives.
8. Recess periods in legislative budget sessions.
9. Permit boroughs in charter counties.
10. Permit state contract employment of architects and engineers.
11. Allow one year to frame county charters.
12. Reduce maximum term of state debt.
13. Repeal inoperative alien land law.
14. Repeal limits on legislative expense.
15. Permit any government to own stock in mutual water company.
16. Fixing time for civil and criminal appeals.
17. Repeal obsolete constitutional sections referring to salaries for judges.
18. Permit non-lawyer judges in superseding lower courts.
19. Permit Legislature to re-define state boundary with the approval of Congress.

COUNTY MEASURES

- A. \$15,548,000 bond issue for construction of juvenile detention and placement facilities.
 - B. \$15,400,000 bond issue for replacement of Harbor General Hospital.
 - C. Authorize county to use revenue bond method to finance county's part of small boat harbor at Marina Del Rey.
 - D. Separation of the office of coroner and public administrator into two departments.
- LOS ANGELES CITY MEASURES
- M. Increase salaries of Councilmen to \$12,000 from \$7,200.
 - N. Increase salary of mayor to \$25,000 from \$18,000.
 - O. Increase salary of city attorney to \$23,000 from \$15,000.
 - P. Increase salary of city controller to \$18,000 from \$12,000.
 - Q. Increase authority of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to issue revenue bonds for construction purposes.
 - R. Permit Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to integrate department's retirement system with Federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance.
 - S. Raise height limit on buildings of city of Los Angeles.

The Freelancer

By TOM RISCHÉ

Torrance is going to pick a "good neighbor" pretty soon, which is good. It seems to me that somebody else might start a "bad neighbor" contest to show up the people who could be good neighbors, but aren't.

There's nothing nicer than people, but at times, there can be nothing nastier either. Some of the bad neighbors are just plain ornery, while others are just thoughtless.

Here are some of my nominations for the "bad neighbor" of the year award:

1. The guy who lets his offspring hop, skip, and jump through other people's yards, trampling new grass, and swiping everything that isn't nailed down. His standard comment: "It couldn't have been my Jimmy. It was that Brown brat!"

2. The guy who burns his trash so that the gentle sea breezes spread it all over the freshly-washed clothes on the line. His retort: "I got to conform to the smog regulations, don't I?"

3. The guy who mows his lawn at 7 a.m. on Sunday morning. His explanation: "I like to get my work done early so I can go play golf."

4. The guy who loves wild parties with radio, phonograph and raucous voices screaming until 3 a.m. His statement: "A guy's gotta have fun, doesn't he? Don't be a party pooper."

5. The guy who raises holy

you-know-what when my car is parked in front of his house, but whose relatives love to park in front of mine. His defense: "Well, they've got to park somewhere, don't they?"

6. The guy who borrows tools, forgets all about it, and lends them to somebody else. His limp excuse: "Oh, was that yours? I couldn't figure out where it came from."

7. The borrower who is always out when you want to borrow something from him. His reply: "You know, I was just telling the wife that we ought to get some of that."

8. The guy who blocks your driveway with his car. His explanation: "I was just going to be gone a minute."

9. The guy who lets his grass grow a foot high, while you're trying to keep yours neat. His retort: "You know, I just never seem to get time to do anything around the yard."

These are just a few of the bad neighbors that are located in any neighborhood. They aren't really nasty, most of them, but they're annoying.

There are always a few people who like to take a "mad at the world" attitude, but most people are just thoughtless.

The question is: "How do you make them think?"

Prize Package



YOUR PROBLEMS

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann: I'm so sick of my drunken husband I could scream. He's been in and out of A.A. (God bless them) three times. His sponsor said nothing can be done for him because he refuses to help himself.

He's 53, I'm 47. We've been married three years (our former mate died). I work as a waitress to support us. He works for an uncle, which is lucky, because no one else would keep him.

He spends every dime on liquor and borrows to stay drunk. He sleeps in alleys, cars, or the park. His companions are the trash of the street. I've seen him with women who'd do anything for a pint of gin.

We have no homelife—he comes and goes as he pleases. I have no respect for him and when he touches me my skin crawls. I've stormed heaven for help and am out of my mind with despair. Life with him isn't worth living. What shall I do?—P.R.

No one can help a man who won't help himself. Your husband is ill but since he refuses to cooperate with those who want to help him I see no reason to sacrifice your life on the altar of his drunkenness.

Move out and let him know you'll be willing to try again when he proves to you he can be a man. This may be the incentive he needs. Keep yourself active and check on how he's doing from time to time. If you see any improvement, encourage it. If he'd rather be in the gutter than at home, stay away from him and make a life for yourself.

Dear Ann: Five of us work together in a small office. An older woman who works with us is pleasant in every way but she is about to drive us all crazy with her gum-chewing.

Her plates are loose and she chews gum constantly. All day long the plates go "clockety-clock, clock-clock" and the gum goes "crackety-pop-pop-pop" and it's simply maddening!

This may seem like a small thing but you can't imagine how nerve-wracking it is to work alongside these sounds day after day. Can you suggest something?—About Gone.

If the woman is "pleasant in every way" she's not making this racket to annoy you. She doesn't realize how offensive her gum chewing is to those around her. And how will she EVER know if someone doesn't tell her?

Quit doing a slow burn before you blow a gasket. Speak up—it's as simple as that.

Dear Ann: I met a darling guy this summer at a resort. We declared our love for one

another and promised to write faithfully. I have his class ring and we're officially "going steady."

I'm a junior in high school and there's lots going on this year but I'm not in on the activities. I feel rather left out but my boy friend says he expects me to be true to him no matter what. My mother said to write to you and get straightened out. What do you say?—Robertia.

Welcome back from the La Brea Tar Pits. You aren't "going steady," girl—you're "staying home steady." A mail order romance is a pretty poor substitute for flesh and blood friends when you're a junior in high school.

Keep writing and reserve the No. 1 spot for the far-away boy friend, but fevens sakes date others and tell your heart-throb to do the same.

Dear Ann: I'm a girl 18, who stands on her feet at work all day. I take the bus

home and it's always crowded. If I get on late there's never a seat and I stand all the way home. No man ever offers me his place. It seems some old white-haired lady is always standing when I have a seat so I get soft-hearted and offer mine. Am I a fool?—Flat-Footed Flo.

You're not a fool... you're a gal who has been well brought up. A few more minutes of standing won't kill you. Don't change... you're one of the last of a vanishing tribe.

Confidentially—Puzzled: Your mother is absolutely right. Live alone if you have to pitch a tent.

W.S.C.: She needs Alcoholics Anonymous. Helplessly Hopeless: Name and address please. No letter to me gets "filed in the waste-basket." I read every one.

(Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper. Copyright, 1956, Field Enterprises, Inc.)

GLAZED BITS

By BARNEY GLAZER

More people will enroll in home study courses than will enter college this fall as freshmen, but it's a crying shame that only one half will enroll in accredited correspondence schools, so beware and be cautious! Just to prove how far the women have come, they are now getting men's wages—every Friday night.

Theater lobby conversation: "This lawyer told me he makes a small charge for the first visit. Well! If you ask me, it was like the small charge of a wounded bull elephant!"... When advised by his doctor that he'd have to spend several months in traction following an auto accident, Jack Broder, owner of the California Racquet Club, hung the following sign around his neck: "Coming A-Traction."

Mickey Rooney, who opened at the Coconut Grove this week with a very funny act, is the luckiest (and shortest) father in Hollywood. His son wears Mickey's cast-off clothing without the usual necessity for cutting them down to size. "And if the kid keeps growing," moans Mickey, "I'll soon be buying HIM the new clothes and cutting them down for myself!"

We love the following cuties by Bob Vincent: The picture of complete peace and contentment: a schoolteacher AFTER 3 p.m. A certain hunter of the denizens of the deep waters that fish bite, not by sight or smell, but by the alphabet, and they're taking their own sweet time about getting

down to his name, which happens to be Zilgutt... To protect a gallon of ice cream from melting, place it in an extra hot room occupied by several 10-year-old boys.

This is from the innermost thoughts of your chronicler, and I admit to being strictly a renegade spaceman anxious to blast off for any convenient cousin moon. If it's true that the meek will inherit the earth, why in heck do the Glazedites: that the American novel is passing for an untimely issue within the next three years, thanks to that scourge and curse of modern electronics—television!

Most welcome title among today's literary gems: Elaine St. Johns' children's book: "My Friend God"... Am told there are 13 significant words which were written or conceived in prison or in exile. I can name only one—Plato's "Crito"... When polled recently to name our worst auto drivers, guess who New York taxicab drivers named? Doctors!

"Sorry," apologized the smiling young man to his young lady date when his car stalled on a dark road. "I'm out of gas." She promptly hauled out of her purse a large silver flask and he howled with glee: "You're a doll! Is it Scotch or Bourbon?" And she replied in snow-white innocence: "Gasoline!"... God bless our circus clowns and all because their favorite audience is any children's hospital ward.

The SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

We like Bob Hope's comment on the new car showings which are taking the spotlight these days. He said that we are given the opportunity to see the 1956, 1957 autos we will still be paying for in 1958.

About right—what?

Mayor Albert Isen attended the 50th Anniversary celebration at the city of Glendale recently and came away prouder than ever of the civic center dedication ceremonies held here last August.

The Glendale celebration, planned for months by a long list of eminent citizens, included hundreds in the pageant, and had been publicized for weeks.

The mayor says about 100 persons were sprinkled through the huge bowl for the big event. "I was certainly embarrassed for the people who worked so hard to put this affair over," Isen said.

Reporter Dick Friend, formerly of the HERALD staff, had a first-hand demonstration of the advances made in air travel last week end during a visit to an Air Force demonstration in Arizona.

Friend and several other Southland reporters were picked up at Burbank airport and flown to Yuma (by way of San Diego) in a plane of questionable vintage, the trip taking more than four hours. On the return flight from Arizona a couple of days later, he climbed aboard a recent model jet with the pilot and was in Van Nuys 45 minutes later.

"The trip from Blythe to Van Nuys seemed like a few blocks," Friend relates.

We knew we should have quit while ahead. Last year we missed the census guess by 31 persons. This year, it's a different story. While we were estimating that the city would now have 83,476, the census enumerators were going through the city and turning up only 82,238.

We still have an out, however. The official census figure will be released in about 30 days from Washington, D.C., and if an additional 1234 people turn up in the re-tabulations and check of the missed persons reports, we can still call ourselves experts.

The real expert in the matter seems to be a couple of city hall employees, however. Ladeene Chamberlain, secretary to City Manager Stevens, holds the lead in a city hall pool with her estimate of 82,222—only 16 off. The pay-off comes on the official count, however, and the true expert may turn out to be John Simmach, city hall janitor. His guess of 82,336 could turn out to be closer to the final figure because the experience of past population counts shows that the city usually picks up about 100 extra persons in the Washington re-count.

Which lends strong support to something we've maintained for a long time: The janitor usually knows as much about what is going on as the man in the front office.

All local "front office men" excepted, however.

My Neighbors



"I've been standing on Harold's shoulders for almost five minutes. Isn't that some kind of a record?"

AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

KANSAS CITY... In the past several weeks we have followed the campaigning in some 15 states in the East, South and Middle West. It is no different from what we experienced in five past presidential campaigns we covered. The one exception is that from 1932 to 1952 the Republicans were desperate. Now it's the Democrats who are on the outside looking in.

The issues being debated by Republicans and Democrats are basically pretty much the same as they have been since 1932... leadership in the White House, prosperity, peace, lower taxes, higher incomes and a break for the "poor" farmer and working man.

Of course, the importance and emphasis of these issues vary... in 1932 we had a terrible depression, in 1944 we had war. In 1956 the most important issue is leadership, which means the man in the White House.

In covering this campaign we fail to observe any real interest among the voters generally in any other issues than the man himself... Eisenhower or Stevenson. There are three minor exceptions. The Middle West farm belt, Negroes in the South, and the labor unions in the industrial centers where the issues supersede the man. But this is a minority in the national scene.

Because of President Eisenhower's heart attack and operation, there are buzzing sounds and shaking heads, especially among Independents we talked to. This is unfortunate because we recall when President Roosevelt was in much worse health after 1938... and looked it to those of us who saw him at close range... than President Eisenhower is today. Yet no issue was made either in the 1940 or 1944 campaign. The Republicans realized it, but were unwilling to bring it up for fear of repercussions. Of course, President Eisenhower's illness was more dramatic and consequently more publicized, and the nation's concern became more evident.

It is our opinion from covering both Eisenhower and Stevenson (we hope with reporting objectivity) that on the issue of personalities President Eisenhower is overwhelmingly the favorite over Stevenson, and Nixon we'll be true even among labor. We talked to laborers in the copper mines at Ely, Nev., and members of unions in the industrial areas of New York, Illinois, Oklahoma, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and most of them by far like Eisenhower over Stevenson.

But in some cases the same voters told us they will vote for Stevenson because they thought "the Democrats will give more to labor."

People we talked to believe that Stevenson is no match for Eisenhower either in foreign or domestic policy. They cited Eisenhower's war experience in dealing with foreign officials and his present almost four years in the White House. They are of the opinion that any advantage Stevenson may have had in 1952 on domestic affairs has been more than offset by Eisenhower's tenure in the White House since 1953.

Our reaction is that most voters consider Eisenhower "less political" than Stevenson. They consider both honest and sincere. They believe Ike has far greater respect abroad and carries more weight in dealing with the Russians, because "Communists respect military men."

This is true in the Soviet Union today, as the highest government jobs are held by army men, except one. The president is Marshal Voroshilov, the premier is Marshal Bulganin, and the Secretary of Defense is Marshal Zhukov, the friend of Eisenhower. The only exception is Nikita Khrushchev, secretary of the party.

The supporters of Adlai Stevenson respect and hold him in the highest esteem. But unlike Eisenhower supporters, who prefer Ike to the party, the Democrats prefer the party to Stevenson. Eisenhower has a strong fol-

lowing among the Independents and even Democrats, just as Roosevelt had among many Republicans between 1932 and 1944. The voters generally consider Stevenson more scholarly and better able to present his views publicly.

We find Stevenson an excellent organizer... writing and re-writing his own speeches... and always on top of his political managers in ideas and suggestions for the campaign. We find Ike pretty much directed in the ways of politics by his associates. The voters consider Stevenson as superior in political astuteness who could "probably work better with congressional leaders." Eisenhower does not like the political prototype in the least... Stevenson is able to use it to advantage.

From observing Dwight Eisenhower at close range in Europe and at home, we believe his military training influences greatly his White House policy of long range planning, with a sort of "delayed action" for present ills. This was evidenced in his handling of the wars in Korea, Indo-China and the Formosa crisis. His policy to stop the killing was successful, but did not solve the crisis, and is still there. He pressed each time for armistice, not decision.

Eisenhower is pursuing the same policy in the Suez showdown... compromise, not war. On the other hand, Stevenson is more decisive. He demands a showdown... a characteristic which caused him to disagree with the Truman-Acheson marking time policy in Korea, to which, incidentally Eisenhower agreed in 1951. Stevenson's "bold action" attitude in foreign and domestic affairs is more an expression of his personality than anything else.

Thus far our political observation across the nation indicate that, barring an Eisenhower physical setback, the Republicans should win at least 350 electoral votes, enough to win easily. It is not likely that they will repeat their 1952 wins in the South, with the possible exception of Florida. The issues before the nation favor the Republicans. There is no war. Employment is high. Earnings are higher. Farm income better. Taxes are on the way down. Cost of living is static. With wages up, the inflationary spiral is ignored by the worker.

The women, with over 2,000,000 more votes than men, are indicating a preference for Eisenhower across the nation. So, while it is likely that Stevenson will increase his 1952 electoral vote of 88, he will need a political miracle to overcome the advantage of the Republican party in November.

SAFETY HINTS from the Red Cross



Skylarking on the beach may be all right if you don't interfere with the comfort of others. Select an open space for your horseplay. If there isn't one, quiet down—don't harass others.

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